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The 2/13/44 issue of the "Chicago Defender", a weekly Negro newspaper, announced the Benjamin Davis, Jr. meeting to be held on 2/20/44, sponsored by the Citisen's Victory Committee. The article stated that at that "celebration" plans for a permanent History Museum in CGO would be announced. The list of members of the Negro History Museum Committee included Frank Marshall Davis.

CGO rpt., 9/29/44
Re:
wa.; IS-C
100-42869-14, p. 6
(23)

On 2/16/44, chairman of the Citizens Victory Committee (CVC) Stated his assignment was to contact Frank Marshall Davis to handle the publicity for the Benjamin J. Davis meeting on 2/20/44, at the Wendell Phillips High School, CGO. (CGO-5038)

On 2/18/44, advised that had made arrangements through Frank Marshall Davis, for the publicity for the meeting on 2/20/44 (described above).

Additional information SI to 100-328955-1, P. 6, (Main file)

CGO rpt., 4/11/44
Re: CP-USA, District 8;
IS-C
100-3-14-2134, p. 5
(10)

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On 2/29/44,

a Negro folk singer.

On 2/23/44, advised that Negro Congress in New York, was in CGO and had conferred with Frank Marshall Davis.

> CGO rpt., 4/29/44 Re: National Negro Congress; 61-6728-392 (9)/

stated she had made arrangements with Frank Marshall Davis, editor of the ANP, to help publicize a course given by the ALS on "Leadbelly",

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CG0-5029 CGO rpt. was.; Re: SM-C 100-292010-5, p. 4

In February or March 1944, advised that Frank Marshall Davis was working on the South Side in Chicago, obtaining recruits for the CP among International Workers Order members.

> CGO rpt., 3/28/44 Re: International Workers Order; IS-C 61-7341-9-197 (9)



b2 On 2/29/44, advised the ALS was organizing a new class called United Nations on the March, b7D to be given one evening each week and each lecture devoted to one of the major United Nations. Informant believed Frank Marshall Davis would give the one on "Africa and the Colonial World." advised Davis would be guest on 2/29/44, lecturer for the course entitled "History of the Negro People". Informant stated Davis was Executive Editor of the ANP, national sponsor of AYD and author of "Black Main's Verse" and "I Am the American Negro". b2 On 3/1/44, advised that b6 had arranged with Davis to help publicize a course on b7C Leadbelly, a Negro folk singer. b7D On 3/4/44, had recruations for twelve for dinner at Harding's, 109 Yest Wadison Street, CGO. This dinner was to precede the affair at ALS and Davis was expected at the dinner. CGO rpt., 3/20/44
Re: ALS: IS-C
100-11507-230, p. 10, 16, 25 (17) Frank Marshall Davis was a member of the Continuations Committee which was formed by the Citizens Victory Committee at the Ben Davis Meeting held on 2/20/44 in CGO. This committee was to meet on 3/2/44 at the Alpha House, CGO.

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arrange another meeting of the committee for 3/8/44.

On 3/3/44,

CGO rpt., 5/15/44
Re: CP-USA, District 8;
IS-C
100-3-14-2189
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During late March and early April, 1944, Frank Marshall Davis was in contact with IWO headquarters in CGO.

CGO-5024 CGO rpt., 4/24/44 Re: IWO; IS-C 61-7341-9-219 (9)

In April 1944, Frank Marshall Davis suggested as a possible	
representative of the Negro people to attend an AVD meeting currently being planned for Washington. D.C.	
an ANP correspondent, but to the best of his knowledge, Davis was not personally acquainted with him.	b2
On 12/5/43 Davis spake at an AYD meeting, address not recalled by informant.	b2 b6 b7C
Additional information was SI as 100-328955-2, page 2 (Main file)	b7D
CGO rpt., 2/21/51 Re: Special Inquiry State Dept., Public Law 402, 80th Congress, Voice of America 123-8482-8 (8)	

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The April 1944 issue of the AYD magazine "Spotlight" named Frank Marshall Davis as one of AYD's national sponsors.

Washington, D.C. rpt., 4/24/44
Re: AID, formerly Young Communist
League; IS-C
61-777-53-24
(20)
SI 61-777-658
(20)
SI 100-15252-39, p. 186
(Not listed)

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b7D In April 1944, William L. Patterson advised that Frank Marshall Davis, a new guest lecturer at ALS, was a member of the "Church", evidently referring to the CP. In April 1944, and and advised that the ALS was to advertise in the "Chicago Defender", a new session of the school which would appeal to the Negro people and would feature the fact that there were four famous Negro teachers at the school one of which was Davis. **b**6 b7C In April 1944. stated ALS had a negress painter as teacher of children's art and he, would arrange with Davis for some publicity on the course.

stated Davis ran a news service and that a Los Angeles paper had printed an article on the "Leadbelly" class at ALS, which information the paper had received from Davis' news service. CGO rpt., 4/25/44 Re: ALS; IS-C 100-11507-247, p. 4, 15, 16

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On 4/2/44, Frank Marshall Davis spoke at the city wide AYD meeting held in the Midland Hotel, CGO. He made a lengthy speech about discrimination in the Armed Forces. His remarks are set out in this reference.

CGO rpt., 5/10/44

Re: AYD: IS-C
61-777-9-81
(19)
SI 100-3-14-2276, p. 59
(10)/(No source stated)

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This reference is CGO letter dated 4/5/44, captioned AYD, IS-C, which sets out the substance of a speech by Frank Marshall Davis, delivered at the city wide meeting of the AYD, held at the Midland Hotel, CGO, on 4/2/44 as reported by CGO-5143.

(See reference above)

A letter from the Director to the Assistant Attorney General dated 4/17/44, requested that he advise whether the remarks of Davis constituted a violation of the Sedition or related statutes.

Serial described above 61-777-9-65 (19) \checkmark

This reference is a memo dated 5/5/44 from the Assistant Attorney General which referred to the Director's letter of 4/17/44 (described above). The Director was advised it appeared that criminal proceedings were not warranted and no further investigation was desired in respect to Davis' speech.

Serial described above 61-777-9-791 (20)

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As of 3/23/44, had contacted b6 Frank Marshall Davis concerning his being a speaker on b7C 4/2/44 when the AYD was to launch a petition campaign on the "Jim Crow" question and on discrimination in the armed forces. At the time of contact, ______disclosed to Davis the contents of a telegram which was to be sent "Secretary Knox and Stimson". b2 As of 3/29/44, had contacted of Northwestern University and the ALS, b7D relative to his co-signature with Davis, of a letter concerning discrimination in the armed forces. The letter is set out in this reference. As of 4/5/44, Davis was a sponsor of the AYD campaign against discrimination in the armed forces. CGO rpt., 5/18/44 Re: AYD; IS-C 61-777-670, p. 8, 10, 11

In February 1944, possessed a handbill which indicated that the "Friends of the New Masses" in Chicago would present their second program of "Interpretation Please", at the Hamilton Hotel, CGO, on 4/23/44. The subject of the program was to be "The Secret Plot Against America" and the list of sponsors included Frank Marshall Davis.

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CGO rpt., 1/2/45
Re: Friends Of The New Masses;
IS-C
61-9182-56
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SX 100-11507-263

(17) (Circular announcing the above affair obtained from b2 a trash cover on ALS as furnished b6

SI 100-243841-6 b7C

(23) (Circular announcing b7D above affair, received from trash cover on CGO)

On 4/27/44, the Second Ward Branch met at the Carver Center, CGO. Branch chairman announced that delegates would be elected to attend the district convention (not identified) on 4/30/44. said regular delegates would have to have been in the party for at least b2 a year. Frank Marshall Davis was one of the Branch members b6 nominated as a delegate to the convention.

CGO rpt., 6/27/44

Re: CP-USA, District 8;
IS-C
100-3-14-2248, p. 20
(10)



On 4/28/4 dvised Frank Marshall concerning the assignment Davis contacted of a Negro representative to cover the AYD Conference in Washington, D.C. CGO rpt. 1/31/45 Re: was.; IS-C 100-44142-17 (52) b2 b6 b7C b7D advised the ALS expected to start a Shakespearian series on 4/30/44 and wanted to include "Othello". She stated she hoped to obtain a Negro as a commentator and had contacted Frank Marshall Davis in that regard. Davis was to meet with who would "do parts" of the production, and they would talk it over. CGO rpt., 4/28/44 Re: ALS; IS-C 100-11507-251, p. 16

and at the ALS, Frank Marshall Davis, an ALS instructor, was to give a lecture on "boogie-woogie" with recordings.

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CGO rpt., 5/12/44 Re: ALS; IS-C 100-11507-259, p. 12 (17)



Soviet Friendship, contacted William Patterson for suggestions b7C regarding someone in the Negro community who would participate in a symposium on 5/3/44, during Russian Book Week, to be held at the Chicago Public Library. Patterson suggested Frank Marshall Davis of the ANP. He stated Davis was a poet, very progressive, very much interested in the Soviet Union, and was at that time, an instructor at ALS.

CGO rpt., 5/4/44 Re: ALS; IS-C 100-11507-256, p. 4

On 4/29/44, Frank Marshall Davis visited "for a short time", a dance given by the Sweehearts of Servicemen (SOS) of the AYD, at the Majestic Hotel. CGO.

AYD Staff member, told Davis that the University of Illinois chapter of AYD, had requested him to speak before their club on 5/18/44. Davis was a sponsor of the University of Illinois AYD chapter.

invited Davis to attend an SOS club meeting, but Davis was unable to attend due to his social work in Cleveland, Ohio.

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CGO rpt., 7/3/44
Re: AYD; IS-C
61-777-9-94, p. 16, 21, 22
(20)
SI as par. 2 above
100-333868-4
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On 4/28/44 idvised that Frank Marshall Davis had contacted regarding a Negro representative to cover the National ATD Conference in Washington, <u>D.C. on 4/30/44.</u> Davis suggested arrangements b2 be made for b6 D.C., to represent Negroes at the conference. b7C a leader in the CGO AYD Club, told b7D that her club planned to take up the Negro problem on the evening of 5/20/44 mith Frank Marshall Davis as a speaker. CGO rpt., 5/24/44 Re: AYD; IS-C

made augilable an ALS circular which
announced that ______of the stage play "Oklahoma"
bould "do" a series of dramatic readings from Shakespeare
at the school. The circular reflected that on 5/21/44,
"Othello" would be presented with Frank Marshall Davis,
Executive Editor of ANP, as the commentator.

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> CGO rpt., 5/6/44 Re: ALS; IS-C 100-11507-255, p. 13, 18 (17)/

61-777-9-85, p. 6, 8

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In May, 1944, William L. Patterson stated that a was going to get Frank Marshall Davis to speak before the Walt Whitman Society on 5/31/44, place not stated.

CGO rpt., 6/8/44 Re: ALS; IS-C 100-11507-266, p. 12 (52) b6 b7C

The name of Frank Marshall Davis appeared as a signer of an undated news release issued by the CGO AYD. The release was captioned "Appeal To The Youth of America", and pled for unity to win the war.

Under the sub_heading "What They're Saying About AYD", an undated news release issued by the CGO AYD set out a statement by Frank Marshall Davis in which he endorsed the AYD and pledged his cooperation.

Octoined by Fisur CGO rpt., 7/24/44 Re: AYD; IS-C 61-777-9-98, p. 15, 28 (20)

This reference is a photostatic copy of the "Index of 'Free World', Volumn VII, January 1944-June 1944." Listed in the Index was, "Davis, Frank Marshall, For All Common People, Verse."

Serial described above 100-90431-139 (21)/

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On the afternoon of 6/13/44, Frank Marshall Davis, of the ANP, was invited to attend a press conference b2 at the Ambassador East Hotel, to be held prior to a Symposium promoted by the ALS to take place that evening at the Hamilton Hotel.

CGO rpt., 7/4/44 Re: ALS; IS-C 100-11507-283, p. 9, 12 (17)

On 6/19/44, _______furnished a two-page leaflet advertising the Illinois Midwest Negro People's Assembly. The leaflet was headed "Call to the Negro People of the Midwest" and named several states. The stated purpose of the Assembly was "For a fourth term for Roosevelt". The leaflet announced the Assembly schedule for 6/24/44 to be held at the Parkway Ballroom, 4459 South Parkway, CGO. The back of the leaflet set out a partial list of the "Callers" of the Assembly, which list included the name of Frank Marshall Davis, Journalist.

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furnished a mimeographed copy of the Proceedings and Resolutions of the Assembly, held 6/24 and 25/44, which set out the membership of the various committees. Named as a member of the Resolutions Committee was Frank Marshall Davis, Managing Editor of the ANP CGO.

CGO rpt., 8/18/44
Re: Illinois Midwest Negro
People's Assembly; IS-C
100-327833-3, p. 8, 32
(11) /

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As of 6/29/44, the CPA charts in the CGO Field Division which concerned the ALS, listed Frank Marshall Davis under the subheading "Instructors and guest lecturers."

No source given
Charts attached to
CGO memo, 6/29/44
Re: CPA-Charts; IS-C
100-326-9-1, p. 57
(23)

In July 1944, Frank Davis, 69 East 56th Street, CGO, renewed his subscription to "Labor Action", a Workers Party newspaper in CGO.

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CGO, on 7/28/44)

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CGO rpt., 10/5/44

Re: Workers Party; IS-WP
100-86590-9-6, p. 7
(28)

Correlator's Note: The individual mentioned in the above reference may possibly be identical with the subject of this summary.

The names of subscribers to "Labor Action", the Workers Party national publication, were checked in the files of the CGO division. Subscriber Frank Davis was considered by the CGO division as possibly identical to Frank Marshall Davis, a Negro member of the CPA who instructed at the ALS, lectured before the APD, and was a member of the Anti-Fascist-Refugee Committee, and Davis might have been identical with the Frank Davis who was a member of the CPA and of the International Fur and Leather Workers of the US and Canada-CIO.

CGO rpt., 5/15/45
Re: Workers Party; IS-WP
100-86590-9-11
(7, 26)/

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The film, "The Negro Soldier", with Frank Marshall Davis giving the commentary, was to be shown to the Teachers Union at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, sometime after July 18, 1944.

CGO rpt., 2/27/46

Re: Cominfil American
Federation of Teachers, AFL; 2

IS-C
61-7546-317
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SI 100-11507-301, p. 8
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The 8/20/44 edition of the "Daily Worker", carried an article in column 5 on page 10 entitled, "What Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago Negroes Think Of FDR-DEWEY." The article named Frank Marshall Davis of the ANP as one of those questioned in CGO, but his remarks were not set out in this reference.

stated that

of the South Side Council, CPA, had been in frequent

conference with Davis regarding CPA matters.

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CGO rot. 3/14/45

Re:

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100-330738-8

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In September 1944, Frank Marshall Davis worked with among the Negroes on Chicago's South Side.

CGO rpt., 9/13/44
Re: IWO; IS-C
61-7341-9-242
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In August or September 1944, of the "New Masses" was looking for someone with a literary background to be chairman of a "Maridel LaSeur" meeting.

suggested Frank Marshall David.



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As of August or September 1944, Frank Marshall Davis had expressed displeasure because the ALS had not pushed his course in music as much as he had expected. He further complained that the School was not using as many Negro teachers as it should and stated that the conception might be that ALS was like other schools in that the Negro was not wanted, just tolerated. A brief continuation of his remarks is set out in this reference.

CGO rpt., 10/12/44 Re: ALS; IS-C 100-11507-305, p. 3, 7 (52) b2 b7D

On 11/27/44, a strictly confidential source furnished a copy of AYD Bulletin, Volume 1, issue 1, dated in September 1944. In the column devoted to "Our National Officers", Frank M. Davis was named as a national sponsor.

Cleveland rpt., 5/19/45
Re: ATD; IS-C
61-777-11-104, p. 10
(84)

On 9/20/44, the first edition of the "New World" stated on page 2 that the newspaper was to be published weekly as the official organ of the Negro People's Assembly, 418 East 47th Street, CGO. The officers of the newspaper were set forth and Frank Marshall Davis was named an Associate Editor.

Copy of first edition
furnished by
CGO rpt., 12/12/44
Re: Negro People's Assembly, b7D
aka.; IS-C
100-32/833-15, p. 20
(11)



During the period August to October 1944, advised he had noticed a sheet of memorandum paper in the apartment of Illinois, which was captioned, "From the Desk of The paper set out a list of names which included the joilowing: "Frank Supst". The reference states b2 the latter was believed to refer to Frank Marshall Davis. b6 This list is not further described. b7C Trash cover on apartment b7D CGO. 11/6/44 rot. Re: wa.; IS-C 100-332794-4 (11)

In October 1944, of the Southside AYD (in Chicago) indicated Frank Marshall Davis had furnished her a list of contacts to be approached concerning their attendence at the AYD First Anniversary Banquet to be held on 10/14/44 at the Morrison Hotel, CGO.

CGO rpt., 11/16/44
Re: ATD; IS-C
61-777-688
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SI 61-777-9-108
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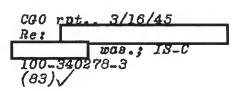
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furnished an invitation to an AYD sponsored Anniversary Banquet called "Salute To Young America", to be held on 10/14/44 at the Morrison Hotel, CGO. The name of Frank Marshall Davis was set out on the invitation as one of the Sponsors.

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CGO rpt., 10/20/44
Re: AYD; IS-C
61-777-9-109, p. 10
(20)

The 10/14/44 edition of the "Chicago Defender", a weekly Negro newspaper, carried an article on page 20, to the effect that the AYD would observe its first anniversary with a banquet, show and dance at the Morrison Hotel that evening. The article listed Frank M. Davis as one of the sponsors of the affair.



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On 10/16/44 a "Salute to Young America Dinner" in honor of "The Youth of America" was given by the AYD, at the Hotel Commodore, New York City. A Bureau agent attended the dinner and furnished a copy of the program which listed the Salute to Young America Committee. Frank Marshall Davis was named as a member of that Committee.

New York rpt., 11/2/44 Re: AYD; IS-C 61-777-34-138 (2)

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In October or November 1944,
Secretary of the Negro Peoples Assembly, told Conrad
Komorowski that he had attended a meeting (date not stated)
at the "Chicago Defender", which meeting was also attended
by Frank Marshall Davis of the ALS.

furnished a program of ALS which announced the schedule for the "Review of the Week", which was described as an up-to-the-minute analysis of the events of the week, developments in the struggle against Fascism, the growth of national and international unity, and current political economic trends and post-war problems. Davis was named as the reviewer for 11/19/44.

On 10/7/44, Davis reviewed the book. "Freedom Road" at a party at the home of CGO, which was conducted as a benefit for ALS.

CGO rpt., 11/16/44

Re: ALS; IS-C
100-11507-310, 8, 16, 17
(17)

SI as final par. above;
100-45245-11
(23)

As of December 1944, Frank Marshal. Davis of the ANP was aiding gather material for publication of a book, the purpose of which was to advertise the National Negro Congress and to urge individuals and organizations to become affiliated.

(Source Fot indicated)
CGO rpt., 12/7/44
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation
Among The American Negroes
In The CGO Field Division
100-135-9-125
(52)

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As of December 1944, the letterhead of the ANP, 3507 South Parkway, CGO, listed Frank W. Davis as the Executive Editor.

Unidentified informants advised that Frank Marshall Davis was the only ANP officer connected with the CPA in the CGO area.

CGO memo, 12/8/44 Re: ANP; IS 100-335141-3 (22, 83)

The 12/23/44 issue of "The Chicago Defender", carried an article (not identified) about a meeting of IWO members at the Ida B. Wells Recreational Center, CGO, on 12/22/44. The name of Frank Marshall Davis was included in a list of "speakers (who) arose to endorse the fraternity and pledge full cooperation with its program and policy".

CGO rpt., 1/24/45 Re: IWO; IS-C 61-7341-9-279 (9)

As of 12/27/44, the CPA Chart of the CGO Field Division which concerned the ALS, listed Frank Marshall Davis under the subheading "Instructors and Guest Lecturers".

No source given Charts attached to CGO letter, 12/27/44 Re: CPA Charts; IS-C 100-326-9-9, p. 4 (23)





On 12/30/44, the South Side Cultural Club sponsored a "cultural" conference at the Lincoln Center, CGO. se Vice President of the IWO, spoke at this conference to carry forward the program adopted at the initial conference. Frank Marshall Davis assisted William L. Patterson. Assistant Director of the ALS and husband of conduct the initial conference (date not stated) which was held at 4920 South Parkway, CGO.

CGO rpt., 2/28/45 b2
Re: CPA, District 8; b6
IS-C
100-3-14-2543 b7D

As of 12/8/44, Frank Warshall Davis was Executive Editor of the ANP.

advised Davis was a member of the CPA Second
Ward Club in CGO in 1945 and had been since November 1944.

furnished a photostatic copy of CPA registration card
#5813 relative to that membership and it was attached to
the reference.

A highly confidential search of the
records of CPA District #8 headquarters, CGO, on 5/22/45 and b7D
4/26/46).

In April 1944, (supra) furnished a photostatic copy of an undated letter on letterhead stationery captioned, "Salute to World Youth Committee" and which stated at the bottom that it was sponsored by the AYD. Davis' name appeared among the Sponsors listed on the left margin of the letterhead. A photostatic copy of the above letter was attached to this reference.

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In the spring of 1945, Davis attended an AYD meeting (place not stated) and told the audience he was a national sponsor of the AYD and was proud to be affiliated with that organization. advised that in his opinion Davis was a directing force of the ANP, that Davis was in charge when the Director of the ANP was away. also advised Davis **b**2 was very friendly with officials of the South Side Section of b6 CP District #8 in CGO. b7C CGO rpt., 6/8/48 b7D Re: Special Assistant to the Secretary, Department of Agriculture; LGE 121-5918-6, p. 6, 7 (9) 1 As of February 1945, Frank Marshall Davis had stated was the Moscow correspondent for the ANP. Davis was frequently in As of February 1945 b2 contact with Chairman, South Side Council, CPA. Davis had stated that was a "wide awake" reporter b6 himagle in Magcow. and was doing all right for b7C b7D furnished an undated press release which he had received from Davis. This release from Moscow, concerned racial discrimination, stating that Jimcrow had ended in Warsaw, Poland. Press release enclosed with CGO rpt., 2/19/45 Re: ANP; IS-C and Registration Act 100-335141-8, p. 2, 3 (22, 83)V



Frank Marshall Davis was a signer of a letter dated 2/2/45 circulated by the Planning Committee, White Collar and Professional Wartime Legislative Conference, CGO. The signers of this letter endorsed the initiation of a White Collar and Professional Wartime Legislative Conference to be held in CGO on 3/18/45. The conference was to center around legislation on economic, social and welfare issues.

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CGO memo, 2/10/45
Re: Cominfil United Office and Professional Workers of America-CIO; IS-C 61-10490-349
(21)

On 2/18/45, the National Museum and Historical Foundation was to present Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune as the main speaker on the Negro History program to be presented at the Parkway Ballroom, CGO.

Frank Marshall Davis, a known Communist, was reported to be a sponsor of the Foundation, which was organized a year previous under direction of the Communist-dominated Victory Committee. It was reported that the Foundation would be used as a means of extending Communist activities among Negroes.

Source not indentified, but welvated as usually reliable and information as probably true,

MID report for period ending, 2/3/45 100-7660-2724 $(16)\sqrt{}$

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Frank Marshall Davis was a sponsor of "Negro History Week", February 11-18, 1945.

(Source not specified)

On 2/10/45, advised that President of the South Side Council, CPA, stated he and Frank Marshall Davis, an officer of the ANP, had conferred at length about an article in the "Chicago Defender." Informant believed the article concerned "Negro History Week."

Davis was elected (date not stated) Secretary
of the National Negro Museum and Historical Foundation, Inc.,
(NNMHF) which was the sponsor of the "Negro History Week"
in CGO. In a conference with Davis regarding publicity
for the "Negro History Week",
radio broadcast. They agreed to take the idea up with
Executive Secretary of "Negro History Week."
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At the conclusion of "Negro History Week", the NNMHF determined to continue on a permanent basis, and in subsequent elections Davis was elected Secretary.

on 3/6/45 reported Davis was supposed to be a member of the Dorie Miller Club, South Side Council, CPA, which met at 3865 South Cottage Grove Avenue, CGO.

CGO rpt., 4/5/45
Re: CPA, District 8; IS-C
100-3-14-2597, p. 7, 15, 16
(10)

on 2/28/45, conferred with concerning the educational and recruiting activities of the Washington Park Club suggested that obtain Frank Warshall Davis as a speaker on the subject of Dumbarton-Oakes and Bretton Woods (no date			
	or place stated).	CGO rpt. 4/26/45 Re: IS-C 100-12857-36 (16)	b2 b6 b7C b7D
	Davis was a member of the CPA	March 1945 that Frank Marshall in 1945. CGO rnt. 3/31/50 Re: wa.; SM-C 100-19951-29 (8)	
	Negro Museum and Historical Fo and place not stated) and elec- Davis was elected Secretary.	ivised the leaders of National pundation, Inc., met (date eted officers. Frank Marshall directly controlled by the (No source given)	b2 b7D
		Davis was a leading member of	

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By letter dated 3/15/45, Chairman of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, forwarded to the Assistant AG a list of signers of a "statement in support of Army order regarding criteria for judging loyalty in granting commissions and in making other Army appointments." On the list appeared the following:

Frank Marshall Davis, Executive Editor, ANP.

Above letter attached to
Department of Justice memo,
3/21/45
100-1170-298
(23, 24)

The 3/18/45 issue of "The Worker" carried an article on page 2 of section 3 entitled "War Department Stand on Communists Hailed by Notables in All Walks of Life." This article set out a statement supporting a War Department policy regarding Communists' eligibility for officers: Commissions. Frank Marshall Davis was listed as one of the "Notables" who signed the statement.

61-7557-A (3, 9)

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The program for the White Collar and Professional Wartime Legislative Conference, held on 3/18/45 at Moose Hall, CGO, named Frank Marshall Davis as a sponsor of the conference.

Davis was a speaker in the General Session and in his remarks he stated, "In our American scheme of thinking an American who is a Negro or a Jew is looked upon as somebody different." His further remarks are set out in this reference.

> CGO rpt., 5/26/45
> Re: Cominfil United Office and Professional Workers of America-CIO; IS-C 61-10490-366, p. 19, 20, 22

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On 12/21/48, CCLC executive secretary. produced a letter addressed to him dated 3/27/45 from the Committee For Equal Justice, New York City. The letterhead of the letter listed the name of Frank Marshall Davis among the Illinois sponsors of the Committee. Illinois sponsors were either Communists or Communist sympathizers.

> CGO rpt., 12/22/49 was . : IS-C 100-157387-27 (7)/



with Executive Secretary of the Chicago Civil Liberties Union (CCLU), that the CCLU should split from the American Civil Liberties Union. Davis claimed to oppose the split because it would cause "considerable surprise." He indicated he had had conferences with William L. Patterson and matter.

Additional information in this reference, which concerns the above, also appears in the main file 100-328955- b7D

CGO rpt., 5/17/45
Re: CPA, District 8;
IS-C
100-3-14-2643, p. 7
(11)

On 4/7/45, Frank Marshall Davis was a principal speaker at an ATD banquet in CGO (place not stated).

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CGO rpt., 5/5/45 Re: AYD; IS-C 61-777-9-135 (20) SI 61-777-9-133 (19) (4/8/45)

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According to the 4/1/45 bulletin of the CCLC Frank Marshall Davis was elected as Fourth Vice-Chairman for the year 1945.

On 3/1/45, the "Civil Liberties News", carried biographical sketches of persons elected to the Board of Directors at the meeting on 1/27/45 at the Stevens Hotel, CGO. Under the heading "Three Year Term" (1945-47) appeared the following:

"Frank Marshall Davis: Executive Editor of the Associated Negro Press, 3507 South Parkway (CGO); Kansas State College; Author of "Black Man's Verse" and "I Am The American Negro"; Rosenwald Fellowship in Poetry; Lecturer and Columnist."

On 4/15/45, the "Chicago Sun" reported that on 4/14/45 a permanent committee to combat religious and racial intolerance in CGO's public schools was formed at a meeting called by the CCLC, at the La Salle Hotel, CGO. Frank M. Davis, Executive Editor of the ANP, was named as Chairman of the Committee.

CGO rpt., 8/16/45
Re: CCLC; IS-C
100-6605-37, p. 3, 4
(11, 83)
SI to par. 3 above;
100-6605-A, "Chicago Sun"
4/15/45
(Not listed)



In March or April 1945, advised that several Negro Communist organizers in Chicago (not identified) had close association and contact with	ı
of the ANP and Frank Marshall Davis, executive editor of the ANP.	b2
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On 4/17/45, CGO representative of the "Daily Worker", requested president of the Southside Council, CPA, to have Davis get together with CP organiser in CGO, and write an article concerning the Negro peace movement in CGO, for a special issue of the "Daily Worker" on the San Francisco Conference.	
and Davis assisted in the advertising for CPA activities,	b2
and if an article was to be prepared for publication in	b6
other newspapers, they occasionally were asked to write the article. Davis was considered more important and	b7C
influential than stated Davis was a member of the Dorie Miller Club, CPA, in CGO.	b7D

This reference also set out activities and associations of Davis in connection with numerous other organizations during the period from 1941 to 1945 as reported by reliable informants.

CGO rpt., 5/9/45
Re: ANP; IS-C and
Registration Act
100-335141-11, p. 4, 5
(22)



During April 1945, the CCLC demanded an investigation of incidents of anti-Semitism by youths of school age and appointed a permanent committee to combat racial intolerance in the Chicago schools with Frank Marshall Davis as committee chairman.

The ANP was a private enterprise association with headquarters in CGO. Davis was executive secretary of the ANP and a known member of the CPA in CGO. Frequent contact was made between members of the CPA and the ANP.

Sources not stated ONI report for period ending 4/30/45 100-153679-93 (21)

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As of May 1945, Frank Marshall Davis was a Member-at-larger of the Executive Board of Continuations Committee of the White Collar and Professional Wartime Conference.

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CGO rpt., 7/27/45

Re: Cominfil United Office
and Professional Workers of
America-CIO; IS-C
61-10490-393
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On 5/18/45, by the National Negro Museum listed Frank Marshall Davis	furnished a leaflet published b2 and Historical Foundation which b7D
On 3/8/45, CP member.	advised that Davis was a
	Washington Field rpt. 3/27/53 Re: SU-C, Labor-Federal Security Appropriations Act of 1953 100-393268-4, p. 7 b6 (5)
being distributed by the Com	let contained a list of officers e. Frank Marshall Davis of
	New York rpt., 8/25/45 Re: Committee For Equal Justice For aka.; IS-C 100-341902-2, p. 16 (11, 22) \(\) b6 b7C

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On 5/27/45, Frank Marshall Davis was a principal speaker at an ATD meeting held at the Midland Hotel, CGO, to promote passage of an Illinois Fair Employment Practices Committee bill.

CGO 1tr., 6/27/45

Re: ATD; IS-C
61-777-9-142
(20)
SI 61-777-9-144
(52)

As of June 1945, Frank Marshall Davis was Executive Editor of the ANP and a member of the Dorie Miller Club, CPA in CGO. Davis was also on the Executive Board of the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee.

No source stated CGO memo, 6/6/45 Re: Negro Agitation in the New Orleans Field Division; IS-X 100-135-33-159 (12)

Frank Marshall Davis wrote a memorial of Franklin Delano Roosevelt for inclusion in the general program pamphlet for the IWO sponsored "United Nations On The March" program held at the DuSable High School, CGO, on 6/17/45.

CGO rpt., 8/24/45
Re: IWO; IS-C
61-7341-9-327
(9)
SI 100-3-14-2705
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On 6/28/45, Frank Marshall Davis was to participate in a panel at a White Collar Conference, date and place not stated.

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CGO rpt., 7/19/45
Re: Chicago Council of AmericanSoviet Friendship, aka.; IS-C
100-146964-581
(21)

As of July 1945, Frank Marshall Davis was a member of the Board of Directors of the ALS.

(Source not stated)

As of July 1945, Davis, a Negro, was Executive Editor of the ANP and a member of the Second Ward Club, CPA.

The 1945 ALS spring term catalogue names Davis as an instructor in "Comparative Jazz Music."

CGO rpt., 7/12/45 Re: ALS; IS-C 100-11507-350, p. 5, 9 (17)



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In June or July 1945, Alice Barrows publicity director of the ALS, invited Frank Marshall Davis, Negro writer, and three other persons to a luncheon meeting at the

The reference indicates that Barrows was aiding the establishment of the Mid-West Division of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, during the above period.

CGO rpt.,7/4/45
Re: Independent Citizens
Committee of the Arts, Sciences,
and Professions, Mid-West
Division; IS-C
100-338892-9
(22)

On 7/9/45, Frank Marshall Davis, of the National Negro Congress, attended a meeting to organize the Chicago Committee for Spanish Freedom held at the Midland Hotel, CGO. Davis was named to the Executive Board of the Committee.

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CGO rpt., 10/17/45
Re: Veterans of the Abraham
Lincoln Brigade, Inc.;
IS-C
100-7060-288
(11)

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advised that the Chicago Committee for Spanish Freedom (CCSF) mailed publications containing reprints of a speech by Representative John M. Coffee on 7/2/45, and a form of petition directed to Congress asking passage of H.R. 3121 which called for a break of relations with Franco Spain. At the bottom of the petition was printed the name of the CCSF and the officers and executive board members listed. Frank Marshall Davis was a member of the executive board.

CGO rpt., 3/14/46
Re: Veterans of the Abraham
Lincoln Brigade, Inc.;
IS-C
100-7080-297
(8)

As of 8/14/45, the CGO Field Division chart concerning the ALS, listed Frank Marshall Davis a member of the ALS Board of Directors and Frank M. Davis an instructor and/or guest lecturer.

No source given
Charts attached to
CGO memo, 8/14/45
Re: CPA, District;8;
IS-C
100-326-9-10, p. 50, 51
(23, 83)

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The 8/18/45 edition of the "Chicago Defender", article not described, stated four "South Siders" joined other Chicagoans in forming the new Chicago Committee For Spanish Freedom (CCSF). Frank Marshall Davis was named as one of the South Side members on the Board of Directors of CCSF.

CGO rpt., 11/2/45
Re: American Committee For Spanish Freedom; IS-C 100-332851-46
(11)

On 9/27/45, Frank Marshall Davis was principal speaker at a regular meeting of the Hyde-Park Communist Club, held at the Club headquarters, 1404 East 55th Street, CGO. Davis discussed the school strike in Gary, Indiana and the "manufactured crime wave" in Evanston, Illinois. He stated the school strike had been instigated by the Superintendent of the U.S. Steel Corporation in Gary to divide the white and Negro workers and hamper any attempt to engage in strike activity.

CGO rpt., 10/26/45

Re: Joan Place, was.; b2

IS-C

100-254659-13 b7D

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As of October 1945, Frank Marshall Davis was Executive Editor of the ANP, Vice Chairman of the CCLC and an instructor at the ALS. He was currently featured on the radio program "Bronzeville Brevities" which was broadcast over station WJJD, CGO. The program featured jazz music and news about South Side (CGO) events. He was reportedly a member of the Dorie Miller Club, CP. (No source stated)

Davis was being considered as a successor to William L. Patterson, Assistant Director of the ALS.

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CGO rpt., 10/24/45.

Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation Among The American Negroes in the CGO Field Division;

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100-135-9-182, p. 7

(7)

furnished a copy of an invitation to the

Bon Voyage Tea for Mollie Lieber, to be held on 10/7/45

in the North Ballroom, Stevens Hotel, CGO. The program
named Frank Marshall Davis as one of the speakers. Lieber
was the National AYD delegate to the World Youth Conference
to be held in London from 10/31/45 to 11/9/45.

P.O. Box for George Blades.

CGO rpt. 12/5/45

Re:

was.; IS-C

100-44/42-26
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On 10/8/45, Frank Marshall Davis attended the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee Rally (place not stated) on full and fair employment.

advised on 9/24/45, that Davis had stated William L. Patterson, resigning Assistant Director of the Abraham Lincoln School (ALS) in CGO, had asked Davis to take Patterson's place in the ALS. Davis stated he declined the offer because he felt he could contribute more through his work on the South Side.

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As of September 1945, had reported that Davis was a member of the Dorie Miller Club, CP.

On 9/27/45, Davis was the speaker at a meeting of the Hyde Park Communist Club, held at the Club headquarters, Community Book Shop, CGO. He discussed the school strike in Gary, Indiana, and blamed reactionary forces for the strike. The substance of his remarks are set out in this reference.

CGO rpt., 11/26/45
Re: CP; District 8;
IS-C
100-3-14-2811, p. 16, 31, 37
(7)
SI as para. 2 and 3 above:
100-11507-368, p. 9
(18)
SI as para. 1 above:
100-11507-361
(18) \(Sept. 1945)



On 10/30/45, the Student Open Forum Club held a meeting at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., on the topic, "The Negro Problem, Why?." One of the speakers was Frank Marshall Davis.

of Student Affairs, University of Northwestern CGO rpt., 4/12/46
Re: AID; IS-C
61-777-9-165

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This reference was a letter dated 12/20/45, which solicited funds for the AYD. It was mimeographed on letter-head stationery captioned QAYD Organizing Drive", which set out a list of Sponsors on the margin. This list included the name of Frank Marshall Davis.

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Serial described above 61-777-15-279 (14)/



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The 12/9/45 edition of "The Worker" carried an article (undescribed) relative to a proposed new weekly Chicago newspaper. The article named Frank Marshal Davis, Negro editor, as one of the "thirty leading Chicagoans" who made up the committee which issued the appeal for donations.

On 12/20/45, various Communist leaders met in the headquarters of the CP in CGO to discuss the establishment of a new paper in CGO. Gil Green stated the Editorial Sub Committee should began work at once, and mentioned Frank Marshall Davis as being a member of that committee.

CGO memo, 12/29/45
Re: CP, USA, District 8;
IS-C
100-3-14-2827
(11)

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On 18/20/45, received a letter from the "Provisional Committee", which invited the recipient's union to send delegates to a "Conference to Establish a New Weekly Paper in Chicago, January 6, 1945, 1:30-5:00 PM, Ballroom, Midland Hotel." On the stationery was a partial list of the names of the initiating committee. Included was the name of Frank Marshall Davis.

COO_rpt., 1/4/46
Re: Modern Book Store;
IS-C
100-267791-81
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on 12/27/45, advised a form of petition was issued by the Chicago Committee For Spanish Freedom (CCSF), which was directed to the US Congress and asked passage of H.R. 312. At the bottom of the petition the CCSF officers and executive board members were listed. Frank Marshall Davis was named as an executive board member.

The 8/18/45 edition of the "Chicago Defender" carried an article entitled "Join the Drive For Spanish Freedom", which stated four Chicago Southsiders had joined other Chicagoans in formation of a CCSF to mass support to break relations with the Franco Government in Spain. The Southsiders were listed and Frank Marshall Davis was named as a member of the Board of Directors.

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CGO rpt., 1/22/46
Re: American Committee For Spanish Freedom; IS-C 100-332851-56
(11)

As of January 1946, Frank Marshall Davis, Executive Editor of the ANP, was a CP member.

indicated the ANP was partially Communist controlled as a result of the presence of Davis.

CGO rpt., 1/24/46
Re: Foreign Inspired
Agitation Among Negroes
In the CGO Field Division;
IS
100-135-9-193, p. 6
(7)



In January 1946, Frank Marshall Davis of the ANP, was a member of an all-Negro committee established to marshal sentiment of the south side community behind the United Packinghouse Workers of America-CIO, in that union's fight for a wage increase.

Source evaluated as usually reliable; information as probably true.
MID rpt., for period 1/5/46 to 1/12/46 100-7660-3604 (4) \(SI 100-7660-3593 (53) \(\)

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furnished a pamphlet entitled, "Fight For A Living Wage", which was passed out at a mass meeting of the South Side Committee to Aid the Packinghouse Workers, held on 1/20/46 at the Du Sable High School. The name of Frank Warshall Davis was included on a list of individuals who supported the Committee.

CGO rpt., 3/11/46
Re: CP, USA, District 8;
IS-C
100-3-14-2888
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on 3/27/46, made available an AYD letterhead which listed the state and national sponsors. Frank Marshall b7D b7D

St. Paul rpt., 5/9/46
Re: AYD; IS-C
61-777-43-31
(14)

The 3/28/46 edition of the "Spark", official paper of Local 543, United Automobile, Aircraft and Agricultural Implement Workers of America-CIO, carried an article (unidentified) by Frank Marshall Davis, associats editor of the ANP, which concerned racial disorders at Columbia, Tennessee. The article stated that a mass flare-up which would surpass the infamous Scottsboro case was in the making.

CGO rpt., 7/1/46
Re: Cominfil United Automobile,
Aircraft and Agricultural
Implement Workers of AmericaCIO; IS-C
IOO:26844-899, p. 5
(8)



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In April 1946, a copy of a pamphlet entitled "Six Week Courses On Negro History and Allied Subjects", was furnished by According to the pamphlet, the courses were sponsored by the "National Negro Museum and Historical Foundation", of which Frank Marshall Davis was Secretary.

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Saint Louis rpt., 1/9/47
Re: CP-USA; District #21;
IS-C
100-3-43-1213, p. 63
(29) \
SI 100-3-14-2939
(52) \

This reference was an unidentified memo captioned National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, 205 E. 42nd St., Geroge Marshall, Chairman, New York City, 4/2/46: Under the subheading "Who's Who in NFCL", appeared the name of Frank Marshall Davis, Editor, ANP.

100-1170-307 (12)√

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advised on 4/4/46, that the CP had decided to approach Frank Marshall Davis to act as editor of a new newspaper. It was pointed out that Davis would only bear the title of editor, would need only write one column a week and attend meetings of the directors. It was noted that Davis was the new writer for the "Chicago Defender", a negro newspaper, and was a member of the ANP.

CGO letter, 4/17/46

Re: Microphone Surveillances, b2

CP, USA, District 8; IS-C

100-3-14-2908

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On 5/1/46, the midwestern Communist weekly newspaper, the "Chicago Star", was expected to reach the newsstands. The "Chicago Star", was published by the Peoples Publishing Association in CGO and was edited by CGO correspondent for the "Daily Worker".

Frank Marshall Davis was named among the sponsors of the "Star".

Source not stated, but evaluated as usually reliable and the information probably true.

MID rpt., for period ending 3/30/46 b6 100-7660-3788 b7C

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SI 100-7660-3762
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Records of the Illinois Secretary of State reflect the Chicago Star Publishing Company was incorporated on 5/31/46. Frank Marshall Davis was one of the individuals who filed the articles of incorporation.

CGO rpt., 5/13/47
Re: "The Chicago Star";
IS-C
100-345728-25
(4)

Frank Marshall Davis was listed as a sponsor on the tentative program for the 10th anniversary convention of the National Negro Congress held at Detroit, Michigan, May 30 through June 2, 1946.

Detroit rpt., 8/30/46

Re: National Negro Congress;

IS-C
61-6728-565, p. 5
(19)
SI 61-6728-588
(19) (Source not stated)

Frank Marshall Davis sent "Greetings" to the AID National Convention held 6/13 to 16/46 at the Irving Plaza, New York, NY.

Detroit rpt., 7/12/46 b7D

Re: AID; IS-C
61-777-742, p. 60
(14)



This reference was a letter to CGO dated 7/28/46, which instructed that four copies of each issue of the "Chicago Star" newspaper be forwarded to the Bureau. The newspaper began publication on 7/6/46, was published by the Chicago Star Publishing Company, Incorporated, Chicago Illinois, and the Board of Directors consisted of Frank M. Davis and Davis was also

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Frank M. Davis and the Executive Editor.

> Serial described above 100-345728-2 ... (84)

The 7/13/46 edition of "Editor and Publisher" carried an article entitled "Chicago Star Enters Field As New Weekly". The article named Frank Marshall Davis. of the ANP, as heading the paper as the executive editor.

> Photographic copy of clipping of above article 100-345728-A (21)

The 8/3/46 issue of the "Chicago Star", page 16, carried a column entitled "Frank-by Speaking", by Frank Marshall Davis. In his column Davis stated that, "Legislation of fundamental interests to wage earners and salary people is systematically ignored." He then mentioned several bills, and stated, "The Murray-Wagner-Dingell Health Bill is virtually dead in committee."

> CGO rpt., 10/17/47 Re: Report of Sub-Committee on Publicity and Propaganda to Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments. House of Representatives; Wiscellaneous-Special Inquiry 62-84363-86, p. 33 (8)



on 8/7/46. Frank Davis suggested

an individual who would jointly sign a letter she noped to get out regarding the Fund Drive Committee (not further b7D identified),

CGO rpt. 1/6/51

Re:
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116-207616-4

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In an (undescribed) letter published on 8/15/46 by the CCLC, Frank M. Davis was listed as a Vice-Chairman.

No source indicated CGO rpt., 10/25/46 Re: CCLC; IS-C 100-6605-42, p. 2 (83)

The 9/6/46 edition of the "Chicago Star", repeated on page 16, article not identified, that Frank Marshall Davis, executive editor of the "Star", had spoken at the "Chicago Star" Labor Day picnic. His remarks were not set out in this reference.

CGO summary rpt. 9/14/53 b6

Re: b7C

was.; SM-C

100-364104-9, p. 14

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SI 100-364104-2

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